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OCTOBER 21, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ITEMS

SOUTH VIETNAM TO PERMIT REPATRIATION OF FOREIGNERS: RADIO HANOI ON OCTOBER 20 CARRIED A REPORT IN ENGLISH STATING THAT THE PRO HAS AGREED TO PERMIT THE REPATRIATION OF FOREIGNERS NOW IN SOUTH VIETNAM IN LATE OCTOBER AND EARLY NOVEMBER. THE STORY QUOTED SAIGON'S LIBERATION PRESS AGENCY AS SAYING:

"A NUMBER OF U.S. AND OTHER FOREIGNERS, MOSTLY MIS-
SIONARIES, COULD NOT LEAVE SOUTH VIETNAM IN VIEW OF
HOSTILITIES PRIOR TO APRIL 30, 1975. NOW THE PRO-
VISIONARY GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM
AGREES TO ALLOW THE SAID PERSONS TO REPATRIATE ACCORD-
ING TO THEIR WISH."

IT IS UNLIKELY THAT TWO OFFICIAL AMERICANS BEING HELD PRISONER
WILL BE INCLUDED IN THIS GROUP. FURTHERMORE, IT IS UNCLEAR
WHETHER THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARE IN ANY WAY LINKING THIS
ACTION TO OUR PERMITTING 1000 REFUGEES TO RETURN BY SHIP;
IN VIEW OF THEIR VIOLENT PROTESTS, THIS WOULD SEEM UN-
LIKELY. (KJINN)

NIGERIAN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCES YOUR VISIT
TO NIGERIA: OUR EMBASSY IN LAGOS REPORTS THAT AT AN AIRPORT
CONFERENCE ON HIS RECENT RETURN TO NIGERIA FOLLOWING VISITS
TO THE U.S. AND THE FAR EAST, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMISSIONER
GABBA TOLD THE PRESS THAT YOU HAD AGREED TO VISIT NIGERIA EARLY
NEXT YEAR TO SEE WHAT COULD BE DONE TO IMPROVE BILATERAL U.S."

NSA review completed

***** WNSR COMMENT *****

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS
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State Dept. review completed

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PERUVIAN RELATIONS, (MORAN)

PERU BREAKS OFF TALKS WITH MARCONA: THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED LAST WEEKEND THE BREAK OFF OF TALKS WITH MARCONA REGARDING COMPENSATION FOR THE NATIONALIZATION OF THAT COMPANY'S MINING OPERATIONS IN PERU. A FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL INFORMED OUR AMBASSADOR BEFORE THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN IN VIEW OF THE LACK OF PROGRESS IN THE TALKS. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THIS WOULD CLEAR THE WAY FOR GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT NEGOTIATIONS ON THE PROBLEM. IN AN EARLIER CONVERSATION ON THE SUBJECT, OUR AMBASSADOR HAD EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT WAS RECEIVING DISTORTED ACCOUNTS OF MARCONA'S INFLEXIBILITY AND THAT THE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE COMPANY STILL COULD BE PRODUCTIVE.

ON THE BASIS OF HIS MEETING WITH YOU IN NEW YORK, FOREIGN MINISTER DEL LA FLOR APPARENTLY BELIEVES THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL NOT ALLOW MARCONA TO BECOME AN ISSUE IN U.S.-PERUVIAN RELATIONS AND WILL BE AGREEABLE TO MOVING THE NEGOTIATIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT LEVEL. AN ADDITIONAL ELEMENT IN THE PERUVIAN DECISION TO END DISCUSSIONS WITH THE COMPANY COULD RELATE TO PERU'S DIFFICULTIES IN SELLING THE IRON ORE FROM THE MINES SO LONG AS MARCONA COULD ASSURE ITS BUYERS THAT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT ARE CONTINUING. WE UNDERSTAND STATE WILL BE SENDING A TEAM TO PERU SHORTLY TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT. (LOW)

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